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SANITARY CONDITION of SANDGATE during the year ended 31st December 1925

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TO the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the
SANDGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Report on the Health and Sanitation of the Distri ct for the year ended 31st December 1925.

My object is to keep the Sanitation of the Town as perfect as possible and in company with your Sanitary Inspector have inspected several premises which were not in a good sanitary state and have had the defects remedied and the premises made into a good sanitary condition.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

Twenty five cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year, which were:-

Tuberculosis	5	(All Military)
Scarlet Fever	14	(11 Civilian 3 Military)
Diptheria	1	(Civilian)
Enteric Fever	2	(2 Military)
Paratyphoid B	1	(Military)
Dysentar y	1	(Military)
Puerperal Septicaemia	1	(Military)

The Counci l has an Agreement with the Corporation of Folkestone whereby cases of infectious diseases are received into the Folkestone Isolation Hospital at a charge of Eight shillings (8/-) per day for each patient.

A Small Pox Hospital is provided by the Council at West Hythe

where there is provi sion for eight patients and the necessary staff.

Premises in which infectious diseases occur are disinfected throughout, the drains tested if thought necessary, and all precautions taken to prevent the spread of infection. Bedding is treated in the Steam Disinfector at Folkestone.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE:-

This service is carried out twice weekly in the case of ordinary premises and three times weekly in the case of Hotels, Schools etc in the Distri ct.

The refuse when collected is taken to brick fields about 2½ mil from the Town (situated in the Parish of Cheriton) and there burnt. This method of disposal is most satisfactory as far as this District is concerned.

The work was carried out by Contract during the year and I am informed by the Surveyor in a satisfactory manner.

SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT:-

Systematic inspection of this district (in addition to inspections made under the Housing - Inspection of District Regulations) have been made with generally good results, the defects found being mostly of a minor nature which were remedied on the attention of the responsib;e person being called to same. The houses visited were mostly in a cleanly and good sanitary conditi on.

From information supplied me by the Sanitary Inspector I append a statement showing the number of inspections made and the character of the defects found:-

Inspections

House Inspections	118
Nuisances found	1

Defects found.

Defective drainage	1
Premises without Sanitary Dustbi ns	14
Defective Sanitary accommodation	16
Defective guttering	1

Proceedings

1.

PREMISES OR OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE LAWS:-

There are no common lodging houses, cellar dwellings or offensive trades in the District.

SCHOOLS:-

The Public Elementary Schools are situated within the Borough of Folkestone and are therefore under the control of the Folkestone Authorities. The Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Folkestone i s also School Medical Officer.

FOOD:-

MILK SUPPLY:-

There is one Cow Keeper in the District, Mr. C. Heritage of Coolinge Farm. The sheds used by him for this purpose have been frequently inspected and always found to be in a clean and well ventilated state.

There are four Dairies in the District which have been frequently inspected and always found to be in a cleanly and well ventilated conditi on.

Registered under the Dairies, Cow-Sheds and Milkshops Order 1885 are:-

1 Cow-Keeper.
7 Dairymen.

These comprise all the persons known to be trading in the District

BAKEHOUSES:-

There are three bakehouses in the District, including one certified underground bakehouse. These have frequently been inspected and always found to be in a cleanly and well ventilated condition.

OTHER FOODS:-

No food has been condemned during the year. The premises of all tradesmen in the District selling foodstuff etc. have been frequently inspected during the year, and always found to be in a satisfactory state.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT:-

The Act is administered by the Kent County Council, the Local Superintendent of the Police acting as Inspector.

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HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES:-

The majority of houses in the District which come under this head are in a generally good state of repair and in most cases have a sufficiency of air space and cleanly surroundings.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909:-

Systemati c inspections have been made under this Act and the following statement shows the amount of work carried out:-

Number of houses inspected	141
Houses unfit for habitation	1
Representatives for Closing Orders	1
Closing Orders	1
Defects found	
Minor Sanitary	23
Premises without Sanitary dustbins	14
Premises in Dirty state	1
Notices served	
Informal	37
Statutory	1
Proceedings	
Nil.	

CLOSING ORDER:-

The Closing Order was in respect of dwellinghouse over Knoll News Garage.

NEW BUILDINGS:-

Five plans for new buildings and eight plans for alterations to buildings were received and approved by the Council during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:-

There are six factories and nine workshops in the District which are as follows:-

Motor shops	(F)
Carpenter's shops	(F)
Laundry	(F)
Bakehouses	(W)
General Smith	(W)
Dressmakers	(W)
Tailor's shops	(W)

These have been frequently inspected during the year and always found to be i n a good sanitary condition.

ADOPTIVE AND LOCAL ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT:-

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890.

Public Health (Amendment) Act 1907 in part.

Sandgate U.D.Council (Sanitary Powers) Act 1905.

Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915.

SANDGATE CLINIC

The Voluntary Mothers Welfare Clinic is still doing excellent work i n the District and fully justifies its existence. It is carried on under the same conditions as last year.

PREVENTION OF INFANTILE MORTALITY:-

During the summer months special attention is paid to the collection of house refuse, scavenging, and the sanitary condition of premises with a view to minimising the risk of Diarrhoea and similar diseases.

VITAL STATISTICS:-

The Registrar General's estimate of the population (Civilian) of the District is as under:-

For the Birth Rate 2772

For the Death Rate 2222

BIRTHS:-

The total number of births occurring in the District during the year was 193. This includes those in the Helena Military Families Hospital Shorncliffe, Ontario House, and the Bevan Nursing Home. The actual number of births among Sandgate inhabitants was 33 giving a Birth Rate of 11.91 per 1000. There were 2 illegitimate.

DEATHS:-

The total number of deaths was 40 which includes Military deaths. The total number of Civilian deaths including those in Nursing Homes was 24 givi ng a Death Rate of 10.80 per 1000. The actual number of deaths occurring among Sandgate inhabitants was 14 giving a Death Rate of 6.30 per 1000.

INFANTILE MORTALITY:-

There were no deaths among Sandgate infants under one year of age. Four deaths of infants under one year of age occurred in the Helena Military Hospital during the year and one in the Bevan Nursing Home.

MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE INSPECTIONS:

There are two slaughterhouses and three butcher's shops in the District.

The slaughterhouses have been inspected at every killing by the Meat Inspector under the new Meat Inspection Order of the Ministry of Health, and in every case the slaughterhouses were found to be in a cleanly state and the Regulations of the Order being carried out. Very frequent inspections have also been made of the Butcher's shops during selling hours and in every case the sales were found to be takin place in conformity with the Regulations.

No meat of any description has been condemned during the year.

From information supplied by the Meat Inspector I give below details of inspections made.

Total number of			Slaughterhouse inspections	118
"	"	"	Shop inspections	250
"	"	"	animals slaughtered under inspection	421

GENERALLY:-

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for the assistance given me by Mr. C. Law-Green, Sanitary Inspector, and his staff during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.